

ORIENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION



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SUBJECT OF LECTURE
SUNDAY EVENING
March 18th,
AT 8:15

"THE GREAT HEART
OF THE UNIVERSE."
(CONTINUATION)

WEDNESDAY
EVENING,
March 21st,
AT 8:15
"THE TERNARY"

The Great Heart, of the Universe how it throbs and pulsates; the Trinity of Life and Power, Brahma—Vishnu—Siva, whose three-fold aspect is the last conception which the human mind is able to form with any exactness; for the Heart of this Trinity is inconceivable to the finite mind.

But how then can this Great Heart become one with us, its children? Is there a possible link between us and *that* which reaches so far beyond all that we can even conceive? Or is there Heaven above and Earth beneath, and between "a great gulf fixed"?

There is, between God and Man a great gulf truly, but the space has been bridged: there is a ladder thronged with Beings, like ourselves, who have been men, but are now on their way, advancing step by step towards Godhead, as we ourselves are climbing towards *them*.

Thus each one of us finds himself a link in a *grand chain*, which reaches upward and ever upward to the Heights.

And the destiny of Man is that glorious one of rising, step by step to the sun-lit heights of Immortality and of Godhead.

Questions asked in the After-Talk:

Are not these Great Souls the Initiates of the Orient of whom we read?

Although They have long outgrown all need for purification by earthly experiences, do They not sometimes take form and appear to the faithful disciple?

Since we are taught that "When the Disciple is ready, the Master appears", what are some of the best ways of getting ready?

What is the source of Inspiration?

How should we feel towards those who have passed out, with mournfulness, hopefulness or rejoicing? Are Prayers for the dead justifiable?

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